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SUBJ: BOAT CASES ARRIVING IN BRUNEI SENT AWAY

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(E) KUALA LUMPUR 3744 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY/INTRODUCTION. SMALL BRITISH PROTECTORATE OF BRUNEI ON
ISLAND OF BORNEO CONTINUES TO FOLLOW POLICY OF REFUSING TO ALLOW
TEMPORARY "FIRST ASYLUM" FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. CASE MOST
RECENTLY BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION IS BOAT NUMBER THR-8532 WITH 22 ABOARD

WHICH ARRIVED AUG 24, WAS REPROVISIONED AND SENT ON ITS WAY AUG 25,
PRESUMABLY TO PHILIPPINES. IN VIEW OF LACK OF UNHCR ACCESS TO
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BRUNEI WE ARE REPORTING FULL LIST OF NAMES OF THOSE ABOARD AS

RECEIVED FROM UK HIGH COMMISSION HERE IN EXPECTATION THIS BOAT MAY
TURN UP ELSEWHERE IN THE REGION. END SUMMARY/INTRODUCTION.

2. UK KUALA LUMPUR HIGH COMMISSION HAS SENT US A COPY OF AN
(BB) REPORTING ARRIVAL, PROVISIONING, AND DEPARTURE OF
BOATLOAD OF 22 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AUG 25 FROM BRUNEI EN
ROUTE PHILIPPINES (PROBABLY SUBIC BAY), VIA A PLANNED STOP-
OVER AT LABUAN ISLAND, SABAH STATE, MALAYSIA. (THIS BOAT
PRECEDED THE ONE WITH 50 ABOARD REPORTED REFTEL B). UK
HICOM ALSO SENT LIST OF NAMES, A COPY OF WHICH WE ARE CONVEYING
TO UNHCR OFFICE HERE, AND REPORTED IN FULL IN PARA FIVE BELOW.

3. THE REFUGEE CRAFT, NUMBER SHOWN IN NEWSPHOTO AS THR-8532,
AND DESCRIBED AS AN "AGING" 45 FT FISHING BOAT WITH "A BATTERED
COMPASS" AND NO MAP, ARRIVED AT KUALA BELAIT, BRUNEI, LATE
AUG 24 AFTER A SIX-DAY JOURNEY ACROSS "CALM SEA" FROM VIETNAM.
AS FOR REASON FOR DEPARTURE, REFUGEES STATED "WE WANT OUR
FREEDOM." EN ROUTE THEY HAD RECEIVED SOME FOOD AND FUEL FROM
AN OFFSHORE OIL RIG. THOSE ABOARD WERE DESCRIBED AS "YOUNGEST"
REFUGEE GROUP TO REACH BRUNEI AND INCLUDED 18 MEN, MOST IN TEENS
OR EARLY TWENTIES, TWO WOMEN (ONE OF WHOM THREE MONTHS PREGNANT;
SHE WAS GIVEN CHECKUP AT LOCAL HOSPITAL), AND TWO YOUNG CHILDREN.
ACCORDING TO THE NEWS ACCOUNT, THEY SAID THEY HAVE NO RELATIVES
IN THE U.S. (THE QUESTION OBVIOUSLY HAD BEEN ASKED OF THEM*)
AND ARE PLANNING TO WRITE A PRIEST IN PARIS FOR HELP. LOCAL
GROUPS (CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, RED CROSS) AND PRIVATE
INDIVIDUALS PITCHED IN TO PROVIDE REFUGEES WITH FOOD, CLOTHES,
MONEY (U.S.\$100) AND SAFETY HELMETS*

4. BB ALSO CITED CASE OF THE 11 REFUGEES WHO HAD ARRIVED
AT MUARA, BRUNEI, MAY 19 (REFTEL E) AND WHO HAD BEEN
"ALLOWED TO REMAIN ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS PENDING A GOVERNMENT
DECISION," NOTING THAT ONE WOMAN HAS HAD A BABY AND
ERRONEOUSLY REPORTING DEPARTURE TO U.S. OF NGUYEN VAN HONG
(A CAT I EPP CASE FOR WHOM WE STILL ARE AWAITING FINAL
CLEARANCE -- REFS C AND D). ACCORDING TO BB, ANOTHER GROUP
OF 17 THAT ARRIVED IN JUNE HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN ALLOWED TO
STAY BUT WAS PROVIDED WITH FOOD AND FUEL "TO CONTINUE ITS TRIP."

5. NAMES OF THOSE ABOARD THR-8532 WITH IC NUMBERS (IF AVAILABLE),
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DATE OF BIRTH (ALL LISTED AS BORN IN SOUTH VIETNAM), AND
OCCUPATION ARE:

(A) NGUYEN LONG, 1203, B. 1945, SOLDIER IN ARVN

(B) NGUYEN HING, 00554499, 1950, AUTO MECHANIC

(C) BUI VAN CHUG, 04883250, [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 15 AUG 2013], ARVN

(D) TRAN HUY HOANG, 04713520, 1953, ARVN

(E) NGUYEN THI (F), 0135543, 1950, HOUSEWIFE, CITED AS WIFE OF
TRAN HUY HOANG

(F) NGUYEN VAN THE, 1952, SOUTH VIETNAMESE NAVY
(G) NGUYEN THE HOC, 1954, SOUTH VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE
(H) NGUYEN NGOO KHOA, 1953, CPL. IN SOUTH VIETNAMESE POLICY
(I) KHUONG THI (F?), 09200777, [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 15 AUG 2013], NURSE IN SOUTH VIETNAMESE HOSPITAL
(J) NGUYEN HONG SANG, 10490438, 1958, STUDENT
(K) NGUYEN CONG TRU, 05414033, 1955, STUDENT
(L) TRAN CONG MINHITUAN, 10557641, 1957, STUDENT
(M) NGO CONG THANH, 1955, STUDENT
(N) CU XA, 1956, STUDENT
(O) NGUYEN VAN CAI, 1958, STUDENT
(P) LE THANH CONG, 1959, STUDENT
(Q) NGUYEN XUAN MAI, 1957, STUDENT
(R) NGUYEN DONG DUONG, 1956, STUDENT
(S) NGUYEN HUY CHAU, 1958, STUDENT
(T) NGUYEN HONG SON, 1957, STUDENT
(U) TRAN THI LAN (F), 1973
(V) TRAN THI KIM (F), 1975

6. COMMENT: NOT SURPRISINGLY, IN VIEW OF CIRCUMSTANCES
CITED PARA 12, REF E, BRUNEI REGRETTABLY IS CONTINUING ITS HARD
LINE AGAINST PROVIDING TEMPORARY ASYLUM FOR REFUGEES OTHER
THAN INITIAL GROUP OF 11, WHOSE BOAT WAS DEEMED UNSEAWORTHY.
UNHCR, AS NOTED SAME PARA, IS IMPEDED BY LACK OF ACCESS TO
REFUGEES OR INFLUENCE WITH ROYAL BRUNEI GOVERNMENT. WE
UNDERSTAND HOWEVER, CANADIAN NANDI REPRESENTATIVE FROM SINGAPORE
PLANS TO INTERVIEW THE TEN REFUGEES AT MUARA SHORTLY.
UNDERHILL

ARTICLE IN AUG 28 BRUNEI EDITION OF THE "BORNEO BULLETIN"

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